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REDUCTION IN SPEED POST CHARGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Postal Department has reduced the local speed post charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the tariff for parcels have been increased drastically;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the growth rate of parcels?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts has reduced the rates for local Speed Post articles with effect from 11th June, 2007 and the revised rates of Speed Post are given below:-

Weight (in grams)

	Rates (Rs.)				
	Local	Upto 200 kms	201-1000 kms	1001-2000 kms	> 2000 kms
(i) upto 50-	12	25	25	25	25
(ii) 51 to 200	20	25	30	50	60
(iii) 201 to 500	20	40	45	70	80
(iv) Additional 500 grams or part thereof	5	7.5	15	30	40

() − inclusive of service tax and education cess.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. The tariff for parcels has not been increased recently.

(e) The Department of Posts is undertaking various innovative steps to improve the growth rate of parcel business through product improvement and marketing efforts.